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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – RWS&S Department – Allegations of irregularity in non-handing over the charge of Assistant Engineer, RWS Section, Rolugunta to his successor for a long period by Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta, now Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS&S (Retd.) besides with shortage of (42) Nos. of M.Books and also not rendered accounts with adjustment bills for Rs.5,000/- as an advance to him - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta – Inquiry conducted – Charge partially held proved - Charged Officer expired on 06.08.2021 - Further action abated under Rule 9 (7) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980- Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 04. **Dated 05 .01.2022.**
Read the following:-

1. Charge Memo. No.Vig.I(1)/5146/2009, dated 24.10.2009 of Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Hyderabad.
2. From the Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Srikakulam, letter Rc.No.1/ 2015/EC2, dated 19.08.2015.
3. Proceedings No.Vig.(1)/RWS&S/54569/2009, dated 20.11.2017 of Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
4. From the Superintending Engineer & Inquiry Officer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam, letter No.E1/C/2018, dated 18.06.2020.
5. Memo. No.Vig(1)/RWS&S/54569/2009, dated 27.08.2020 of Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
6. Written representation of the charged officer Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer (Retd.) dated 15.09.2020 received through letter No.E1/C/2001/2018, dated 16.09.2020 of Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam.
7. From the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada, letter No.Vig(3)/ RWS&S/41201/2018, dated 07.10.2021.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Hyderabad has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta duly framing following articles of charge against the said individual:-

Charge:

That Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, formerly Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta and presently Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS&S and working at SSA., Nirmal in Adilabad District of Zone-I has committed the irregularity of non-handing over the charge of Assistant Engineer, RWS Section, Rolugunta to his successor for a long period besides with shortage of 42 Nos. of M.Books and also not rendered accounts with adjustment bills for Rs.5,000/- given as an advance to him while his incumbency as Assistant Engineer, RWS, Rolugunta.

2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Srikakulam has furnished the dated acknowledgement in token receipt of articles of charges by the charged officer Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada has issued orders, appointing the Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam and the Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Paderu as an Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer respectively, to inquire into the charge framed against Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Superintending Engineer & Inquiry Officer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam has submitted his inquiry report, wherein he has reported that, out of 42 M.Books, 16 M.Books were traced out. The contention of Charged Officer that on promotion of Dy. Executive Engineer he was relieved from the post on 28.02.2006 and due to disruption of arrivals from long distance, some of the M.Books might be misplaced and traced out, is not convincing. With regard to amount of Rs.5,000/-, the Inquiry Officer has reported that the Delinquent Officer has stated that the adjustment vouchers are not traced out at Narsipatnam Sub-Division of Rolugunta Mandal. However, as per the instructions of higher officials, he remitted back the advance amount of Rs.5,000/- on 11.06.2019. The Inquiry Officer has held that there is negligence on part of the Charged Officer on the above issues and hence the charge is partially held proved.

5. In the reference 5th read above, while communicating a copy of Inquiry Report under Rule 21(2) of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, the charged officer Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta was directed to submit his written representation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

6. In the reference 6thread above, the charged officer Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer (Retd.) has submitted his written representation and requested to drop further action against him.

7. In the reference 7thread above, the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada has stated among others that, there is a negligence on the part of delinquent officer and hence, 26 M.Books (i.e., Total 42 M.Books – Traced 16 M.Books) are missing. Further, the delinquent officer has remitted the advance amount of Rs.5,000/- on 11.06.2019 i.e., after a lapse of (10) years. He has further stated that the charged officer Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer (Retd.) was expired on 06.08.2021 and requested the Government to take necessary further action in the matter.

8. Government have examined the matter and observe that the charged officer Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta has not property accounted for the amount of Rs.5,000/- as an advance taken by him in the month of July, 2003 to till he remitted back the amount on 11.06.2019. It amounts to temporary misappropriation by him for the period from July, 2003 to June, 2019 for which the amount of interest to be recovered from him along with bank interest + 2% as per Article 300 of A.P.Financial Code Volume-I.

9. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby abate further action against Sri B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta, now Dy. Executive Engineer, RWS&S (Retd.), who expired on 06.08.2021, before conclusion of disciplinary proceedings, subject to recovery of amount i.e., bank interest + 2% as per Article 300 of A.P.Financial Code Volume-I on the amount of Rs.5,000/- for the period from July, 2003 to 2019 from the terminal benefits of the deceased in accordance with Rule 9(7) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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10. The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Legal Heir of Late (Sri) B.S.Venkata Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, RWS&S, Rolugunta, now Dy. Executive Engineer, RWS&S (Retired & Expired) through the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission.
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER